

**REMARKS**

Claims 10, 12-13, 15-16, and 18-20 are currently pending within this application. Claims 1-9, 11, 14, and 17 have been canceled. Claims 10, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claims 18-20 have been added. The amendments to Claims 15 and 16 merely change the claim dependency from Claim 14 to new Claim 19. Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of previous Claim 11 therein. No new matter has been added. Thus, Applicants respectfully request entry and due consideration of such amendments within this pending application.

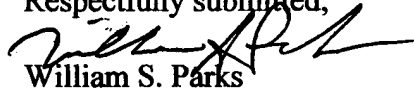
In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all previous rejections over the pending Claims are now moot as Applicants have amended Claim 10 to include limitations that the Office has indicated as allowable over the cited prior art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of such previous rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks supplied above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims of this application are now in condition for allowance and that this case be passed on to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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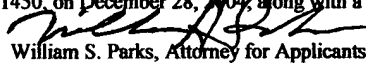
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